

EDITORIAL REPORT FOR 1999

Submission of papers to the journal has remained approximately level this year, taking into account material for special issues, and the delay between receipt of accepted manuscripts and publications has also remained steady at 6 months, with 39 manuscripts in the queue, compared with 41 at this stage last year. In the 13 issues this year, which now includes technical communications within the normal run, and, for this year, included two special issues, 89 papers were published in all. As for the last two years, a disproportionate number of manuscripts (42 per cent) were submitted during the months of June to September.

Two special issues were published in 1999, one arising from the Conference on Aeolian Research (Editor Ian Livingstone) held in July 1998 and published in May 1999; and a second of fluvial papers from the 1997 IAG meeting in Bologna, (Editors Colin Thorne and Paolo Billi), published in November 1999. An increased number of special issues are in the planning stages. An issue on Rainfall Simulation, from a BGRG workshop in Leicester held in April 1999, is due for publication in early 2000 (Editors Bruce Lascelles and Tony Parsons); and an issue on Hydrology and Sediment from Forest Roads, from an AGU session in December 1998 (Editors Charlie Luce and Barbara Wemple) is due for late 2000. Other special issue topics include Rock Weathering (Brian Whalley), Drainage Basin Dynamics and Morphology (Mike Church and Marwan Hassan from an Israel meeting in May 1999) and Weathering Environments (David Robinson from Brighton RGS/IBG meeting in January 2000).

As promised, the journal is now published simultaneously on the World Wide Web at <http://www.wiley.interscience.com/jpages/0197-9337> and the cover has been redesigned, while retaining some continuity with the recent past. The journal will continue to publish 13 issues for 2000, but the number of pages will be increased by 15 per cent, which is roughly equivalent to two extra issues of material.

As always at the end of the year, I realize how much the journal owes to the many authors who repeatedly entrust their work to us, to the editorial and production expertise in Leeds and Chichester and to the many referees who, above all, maintain the standard of *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms* as one of the significant international journals for geomorphology. We would like to thank all this year's referees listed overleaf, and the one or two who inadvertently get left off the list, for their continuing contributions. We can only repay you by giving the same service to your own manuscripts as you help us to provide for other authors, knowing that your altruistic behaviour is not always adequately reflected in Research Assessments and Promotion Committees. Despite these shared pressures we confidently look forward to the millennium, which we will celebrate with our 25th year of publishing *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*.

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